

SWEAT Fundraiser 2021

Student Work Effort Around Town (SWEAT) is a fundraiser in which participants from the Salem Alliance Church (SAC) middle school and high school ministries request donations for hours worked in the Salem community.

SWEAT is designed for students to raise money toward SAC sponsored youth trips and events. These monies may only be used for youth activities sponsored by SAC such as fall retreats, All Night Party (MS), Mission Mexico (HS) and many other events and mission trips throughout the year.

Participants will have the use of 80% of the funds raised. The remaining 20% of monies raised will be set aside to help fund other SAC youth activities, events, or to purchase equipment.

Registration and Information Packet

- Students and parents need to read the SWEAT information thoroughly before registering.
- You must have parent permission to participate in SWEAT.
- Register on-line by the deadline.
- Each student will sign up for either the workday crew or the phone/statement crew.
- You must agree to follow all of the guidelines in this packet and those given by the youth pastor.

1. Phone/Statement Crew

A selected crew of students will call people who attend Salem Alliance Church for donations the week before the workday. These crews raise the funds that are split among all of the SWEAT participants. Statement crews work alongside the phone crews. They email statements to the donors.

Students must apply and be selected to serve on these crews, which work on week nights. There is limited space on these crews so we will select participants on a first come, first serve basis. Each person needs to plan to work 2 evenings (2 ½ hours each) for a total of 5 hours to receive funds. We do not give partial funds if the student only works a portion of the 5 hours. Students selected for these crews will be contacted about the schedule ahead of time.

2. Workdays

Students will work in the Salem/Keizer parks and gardens, helping the City of Salem to keep these areas in top shape. Weeding, raking, picking up garbage, and spreading bark mulch are all jobs we have done in the past. This is real work! Students must come prepared to put effort into the project.

You will need to arrive at the worksite promptly at 8:30 a.m. You will be responsible for your own transportation to and from the worksite. Details about your worksite location will be sent to you by e-mail the week before your workday. Your workday will be complete at 2:00pm which includes a small lunch break. Be sure to bring your lunch with you.

Students will be supplied with any tools they may need for the job, but each will need to bring a pair of work gloves, a sack lunch, and something to drink. Dress appropriately for the weather. We will work rain or shine. Each person needs to plan to work a total of 5 hours to receive funds. We do not give partial funds if the student only works a portion of the 5 hours.

Parent Help

To make this effort a successful, fun, and growing time for your student, we need help from parents. If you are able, please sign up to help with a phone crew, statement crew, or supervise a crew at the park. You can sign up to help at the same time that you register your student. Thank you!

How do I access the funds in the SWEAT account?

Once students have registered for SWEAT, raised pledge monies, and completed the workday, pledges will begin coming in. Pledges are collected from our church family through December 31st. SWEAT pledges received will be distributed equally among the participants. We will inform students about how much they earned by sending them an e-mail and by giving an announcement at our weekend services in January.

You may call (503.581.2129) or e-mail (rknowles@salemalliance.org) Rachel Knowles at the church office to verify the amount in your account. The monies in your account may only be used for SAC sponsored youth retreats, mission trips, conferences or events. Funds may be left to accumulate through your middle school and high school years for use on mission trips or conferences that cost larger amounts of money. When a student graduates from high school their remaining funds, if any, are transferred to their closest in age middle or high school sibling. If they do not have a sibling in middle or high school the funds are transferred to the youth department to use for activities, events or to purchase equipment.

To use the monies credited to your account for a SAC youth event, please contact Rachel Knowles rknowles@salemalliance.org. You may want to call or email Rachel first to verify how much is actually in your account. She will give you a coupon that you will use during the registration process.